

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

20 APRIL 2011

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Craig VanDongen, DDS, Chairman Joseph Box, DDS

Christine Benoit, DMD, Vice-Chairwoman

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Henry Levin, DMD

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Maureen Ross, RDH

Bernard Manchester

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valarie Celentano, Executive Director, RIDA

Deborah Palumbo, Esquire

At this time, Dr. VanDongen called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of 16 March 2011. Dr. Benoit advised the last paragraph on page 2 should be amended to delete the word “and” and replace it with “or”. Upon motion of Dr. Levin seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

At this time, the Chairman introduced the Board’s newly appoint legal counsel, Attorney Deborah Palumbo.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. Samartano reported the following Dental Licenses had been issued since last meeting:

Jung H. Lee, DDS

Kevin J. Wendell, DDS

John J. Gentile, DMD

Daniel Eves, DMD

Bethany I. Kronberg, DDS

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross reported the following dental hygiene licenses had been issued since the last meeting:

Nicole E. Tillett, RDH –

Eileen Emery, RDH –

Jacqueline Tyler, RDH –

Meredith Terry, RDH –

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Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permit

Rene Sandoval, RDH

Stephanie B. Nunes, RDH

At this time Dr. Benoit presented the Board with an overview regarding the administration of nitrous oxide by dental hygienists. After discussion, Dr. Benoit was advised that she may present her data and comments at the Community Review for the proposed Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Benoit also suggested that language be added to the Rules & Regulations that would allow dental assistants to monitor and assist during the administration of nitrous oxide. Dr. Samartano, advised that it is not necessary to add this language in that there is nothing in the Rules & Regulations that would prohibits a dental assistant from monitoring or assisting.

Dr. Benoit further addressed the Board with regard to dental

hygienists utilizing lasers. After discussion, it was suggested that this topic be tabled for discussion at a later date.

At this time, the Board reviewed the most recent draft of the proposed Rules and Regulations. After review, Dr. Samartano advised the term “conscious sedation” should be deleted from the following section:

1.2 "Advisory consultants" means those individuals appointed by the Board to serve as advisory consultants to the Board in determining compliance with the statutory and regulatory provisions herein, of applicants seeking a permit to administer or to permit the administration of general anesthesia/deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation, conscious sedation, or nitrous oxide analgesia. Such consultants may be Diplomates of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Members or Fellows of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, or Fellows of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, and may include a Board Certified Anesthesiologist and a licensed dentist with experience in the administration of general anesthesia/deep sedation, moderate sedation, minimal sedation, conscious sedation, or nitrous oxide analgesia.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations as amended. Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board approved the final draft as amended. The Administrator will forward the final draft to Mr. Dundulis and request he schedule a Community Review.

At this time, Dr. VanDongen, called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Ms. Perlini, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board entered into closed session at 9:20 a.m.

Ms. Celentano recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:35 am.

Ms. Celentano returned to meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

The following cases were closed with findings of NO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

DEN 40-10 DEN 07-11 DEN 10-11

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There was no other business discussed during Closed Session to be

reported.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 16 March 2011 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of that meeting.

The Chairman reported that Dr. Benoit will be representing the Board at the NERB Steering Committee meeting to be held on June 24th and 25th.

At this time, Ms. Celentano advised the Board, that the RI Dental Association Executive Committee has selected Dr. Joseph Box for its “Good Citizen of the Year Award” . The Award will be bestowed upon Dr. Box on May 25, 2011

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 18 May 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded, by Dr. Samartano, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

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